Kansas Nine Months' Drouth.

6. C. Aiken thus writes from fanklin county, Kansas:

We have had a dry time of itno rain from the 1st of last August mtil the 12th of May to soak the gound. We will have no wheat to peak of, most all plowed under. dats have been injured a good deal. Except where they were cultivated on orn ground, they are looking well. Com is very uneven. I have corn that was planted the 5th of April, and there is some of it coming up ret. Some are re-planting, but the stand is generally fair. Fine growing weather now. Frost on the 23d inst., doing some damage on low ground.'

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Here is an accurate and reliable record of a nine months' drouth in the much-vaunted and bragged of agricultural and stock-raising State of Kansas, and that, too, at a time when unusually heavy rains were falling throughout the rest of the country, and particularly in Texas. We had one or two rains every week last summer in Texas, a great deal fell during the winter and an abundance has fallen so far this spring and summer. And yet, abroad the very reverse is the reputation of the two States. Texas is published and believed abroad to be a drouthy country naturally, which its every citizen knows is not true, which its every farmer will qualify is no more the case than in any other State of the Union.

We deem it but justice to immigrants to know these facts. Long years ago there is said to have been some ground for this opinion of Texas. But since we have taken enough iron and steel from under the earth to build six thousand five hundred miles of railway, and to construct eight thousand miles of telegraph; since we have plowed the earth and built homes, towns and cities, and inaugurated a thousand other things to support a population has been no lack of rains, in season and out. It is a well-known fact iron and steel will attract electricity. It is a well-known fact electricity the case, will not two million people, with their rushing railway trains, their factories and shops, their anvils and plows, telegraph and telephone poles, create, in the aggregate, as much commotion as a hundred thousand while discharging their fire-arms a few hours?

Whether you accept this as true or not is immaterial, so far as we are concerned. You must admit we have not failed in years and years to make as good crops in Texas as have been made anywhere. Official statistics plainly show this, Lest year the bulletins of the Department of Agriculture issued from headquarters in Washington placed the production of grain per acre in Texas at the head of the list of States. While entertaining no very friendly feeling toward us, it was obliged to admit our corn, oats, potatoes, and so on were better than those of Indiana and Illinois.

The truth about Texas, though long suppressed, will yet be universally known .- Dallas Planter and Farmer.

Texas' Overflowing Treasury.

The Galveston News of a late date contains the following significant

paragraph: "Recent dispatches from the State capital indicate that the cash balance in the State treasury exceeds three million dollars. Something over two million dollars of this sum belongs to special funds, and ought to be invested. As has lately been shown in these columns, the Treasurer cannot now make any desirable investment. There then remains two million dollars idle until another session of the Legislature is had. In case the constitutional amendments are adopted and this result is not doubted—the Legislature is required to designate the kind and class of investments desired. Until this is done the funds in question remain idle, and, at five per cent., the loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars per annum, or about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the time the amendments are voted upon until the regular session of the next Legislaure. An extra session would cost thirty-five thousand dollars or less. It is then evident that this investpense of an extra session.'

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at Austin, we ask what good is it doing? It was taken from the toiling people by the tax gatherer under the assumption the State needed it, but it seems the State neither needs it to pay any debt, nor current expense, and cannot even profitably invest it. While the State ought to have all the money necessary to promptly meet every legitimate demand, it ought not They have use, every day, for every cent they have or can get. The it occurred only last evening."

three million dollars now lying idle is At the solicitation of the reporter, three million dollars now lying idle is neither doing Texas or the people any good, and ought to be distributed back among them as quickly as it can be legitimately done. It is con- of the great conflict; and I, like thouthe people one mill beyond the amount actually necessary for its present maintenance. Aside from its

nothing to invest this surplus in, we suggest the State tax be omitted until the treasury is exhausted. As the State makes no public improvements beyond the erection of a few houses, why should several million be annually collected? If it were for education, or anything else which would benefit the people, this would be all right. But to collect to hoard is wholly unjust .- Dallas Planter and

corruption and breeds extravagance

Forests and Rain-Fall. Petersburg, Va., Rural Messenger.

It is well known that mountain-tops intercept clouds, and cause precipitation of moisture. There can be no doubt but that tall forests do the same thing. They arrest the passage of and hence lead to frequent and gentle rains, rather than storms of great violence. Where there is little or no forest, storms are far more violent than of two million of people; since all in wooded districts. Look at the these things have come to pass, there great prairie region of the West. Take up any daily or weekly of the past two months and notice the localities mostly in the woodless districts dot vos a red-hot fight; I vant a drink ments of our rain clouds. It is a well-known fact that any commotion of an unusual nature, such as a battle of a hundred thousand men, will bring rain in a few hours. If this is the case, will not two million neonle. There was nothing to arrest the clouds and cause gentle showers to fall, and when the forces of the elements did gather there were great storms and vast destruction of property. On the other hand the Atlantic slope is very seldom visited by more the innecent had delivered by degree our forests, have saved us from vhere Lyon got him kill once?' these dreadful visitations. The "'Wilson's Creek,' said I. these dreadful visitations. The

these dreadful visitations. The mountains will remain, for man can not move them, and hence it is probable that this section will never be the scene of tornadoes and cyclones of such power as to sweep whole towns out of existence in a single hour.

"Wilson's Creek, said I.

"Yaw, dot was it; Vilson's Grik vas de sign. Nopody can go you past vot can't make de sign out."

"All right,' I said, 'go and get the water.' The soldier left, and all at once it flashed across my mind: 'What if that Dutchman is caught off of his to make the sign of the treatment. Take no other, or send the power as to sweep whole towns out of existence in a single hour.

that we too would suffer every spring from those annual visitations that sweep over the West.

But any tolerably close observer of the weather in this region, must have noticed a tendency within a few years past to heavier rainfalls and stronger winds than formerly. Droughts have been more marked, and the fall of rain has been greater where rain did occur than ever before. Instead of gent and frequent showers, the rain holds off longer at a time, and when it comes, pours down in such volume and force as often to do great damage in a very short time. This has been the case more than once the present spring. Evidently the seasons are the case more than once the present spring. Evidently the seasons are for it. What is it? We believe it to be the rapid and extensive removal of the best and more elevated of the forest trees. In large sections the time bert that is left is neither dense nor estimates.

The week over the West.

But any tolerably close observer of the weather in this region, must have noticed a tendency within a few years past to heavier rainfalls and stronger winds than formerly. Droughts have apparel, I started from the guard-post on the opposite side of the camp. A walk of a half mile brought me bang up against a sentinel and his command of "Halt! Who goes there?"

"With fear and trembling I answered: "A friend with the countersign."

"I lost no time in advancing, and when ever the soldier's bayonet I whispered; wilson's Creek." The countersign was pring. Evidently the seasons are the case more than once the present spring. Evidently the seasons are the case more than once the present spring. Evidently the seasons are the case of the too of the best and more elevated of the forest trees. In large sections the time being a free man. I made tracks for the residence of my sweetheart, and that they are deteriorated by being carried toward their polaries will be free and tree of a century during which horticultural study, experiment and established his nurseries takes and being the camp. A walk of a hal

ber that is left is neither dense nor tion of a big incident in my life as a elevated enough to arrest the lower soldier." strata of vapors and clouds, they do not tarry long enough to collect, and hence there is no precipitation of rain. Thus it is our people, by removing the forests are impairing our section as an agricultural region. Gentle show-

to the farming interest will, we fear, it. be untold. There is no use to urge a stop of the sale of timber. It will go on. We simply point out a few facts. on. We simply point out a few facts. "Oh, yes," says she. After drinking. The people themselves must look to the soda water the young lady waited

the results. Ir only takes one-seventh of a second for the brain to realize that its ment question would justify the ex- owner has been hit on the nose, and another seventh for it to tell him

"VILSON'S GRIK."

An Old Soldier Tells How He Got the Countersign from a Raw Recruit to Go on a Spark-ing Expedition.

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"I notice in the Courier-Journal, said a gentleman, yesterday, "that the ex-Union soldiers of Missouri intend to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Wilson's Creek. How time to take from its citizens one dollar about twenty years ago, and yet I call more. It should be left with them. to mind an incident connected with the name of the field as readily as though

the gentleman told the story, and it

was as follows:

"Well, you see," he said. "twenty years ago the country was in the midst trary to the genius, as well as the let- sands of others, was into it for three ter of republican government, to tax years or during the war. Shortly after the people one mill beyond the the battle of Wilson's Creek my regiment was in camp at —, and it was almost impossible to get a pass beyond taking money from them they daily need, an "overflowing treasury" works girl with whom I was head over heals in love, and the thought that I was not among executive officers and legis- to see my sweetheart according to appointment threatened to dethrone As the State officers can find my reason. It was in vain that I appealed to the powers that be for a pass good till 9 o'clock: no, sir, they would not budge from their position. pass good till 9 o'clock: no, sir, they would not budge from their position, and 'no sir,' from corporal to colonel was the only response to my colonel was the observation, "Darling I kissed this spot," or "I heave a sigh in this vicinity." was the only response to my prayer. You can bet I was in the deep water of the sea of melancholy when I returned to my hut and prepared to say, 'Now I lay me down to sleep.' The beat of the camp guard was within ten feet of the rear of my tent; his measured tramp and the occasional 'halt, who goes there,' served to help me kill time until 'tired nature's sweet restorer' had claimed me for her own. I was endeavoring to solve the problem of my life: how can I get out of camp when I recognized in the 'halt, who goes there?' the voice of a new recruit, who had recently become a member of my company; he was the patrol near-est my tent. I hoisted the rear fly of vapor, cause the formation of clouds, my canvas-house and crawled half way out. I had lain on the ground but a few minutes when my German savior, raw recruit as he was, came tramping down his beat toward me, 'Hello, Jake,' I ventured in an undertone. for it was agin' Hardee's tactics to talk while on guard duty. 'Hello, vos dot you, Smidt?" responded Jake. I answered in the affirmative, and the of the great storms. They happened guardian continued: 'By sheemeny,

of vater vorser as ever before.' storms of great severity and never gun to me and was on the eve of leavwithin the history of the white race here have there been storms of such magnitude and power as we read of as occurring almost every spring in as occurring almost every spring in the treeless region of the West. Our Alleghany mountains and to a less him. Vat vas the name of dot blace

It is fortunate indeed for us that the beat?' Well those who have soldiered 187 Broadway, cor. Reade-ut., mountains are there for were they know the penalty. It was an age of not there, it is more than probable misery to me. I had jumped from the that we too would suffer every spring frying-pan into the fire, and, thank from those annual visitations that Providence, he soon returned, and with

ers, the delight of every farmer, are presides there, that she wished some becoming less frequent, and will con- castor oil, and asked him if he could tinue to become so till the injury to mix it up so as to disguise the taste of

"Oh, yes," says Speight. Presently Speight said: "Will you have a glass soda water Miss-

awhile and then asked Speight if the castor oil was ready.
"Oh!" says Speight, "you have al-

ready taken the castor oil in the soda water.'

"Great heavens!" said the young la-While it is gratifying to know that that he can outrun the man who hit dy, "I wanted the oil for my mother."

Tableau.—Ft. Gaines (Ga) Tribune

A Candid Man.

A Boston man who had been talking speculation with a broker, and keeping an eye out for good paper, went to him

one day and said:
"I think I have a chance to make a big spec. I can buy a note for \$800, due in six months for \$600."

"That's big discount, my friend; who

was the note drawn by?" "By a man named Smith."

"John Smith?" "That's the man."

"Then don't you touch that note! He's my brother, and he'd write \$800 rates all day long, and be glad to sell them for \$25 a piece. Lucky you spoke of it, sir. You want to look out for all my relations."—Wall Street News.

How to write a Love letter.

There is no stated rule for writing love letters. You should write on foolscap paper and bear on it as soft as you can, using words of such burn-ing love that they will sizzle on the point of the pen. It is also advisable to sling in a bunch of pathos occasionally, such as "Dearest Augusta I love you with a love larger than an elephant. I think of you every day; and when the days grow longer I will think of you twice a day." It is also well to put an ink blot in the corner, with

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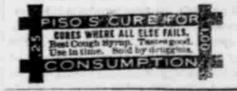
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Dec. 2, 1881.

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